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Responsive to the written restriction requirement of October 4, 2006, Applicant hereby elects with traverse:

Group II claims 6-13, 20 and 22-27, drawn to a composition for enteral or parenteral administration, classified in class 514 and subclass 310.

These claims have furthermore been amended by Preliminary Amendment, which is enclosed in this response.

The Examiner has required election which Applicant does herewith with traverse.

The Examiner has also required a species election in the elected group stating that:

The species are independent or distinct because claims 9-13 in regard to enteral administration, encompass a multiplicity of species (tablet, capsule, confection, sustained-release formulations thereof, etc.) In comparison, claims 11 and 12 contain elements interpretive to parenteral administration, i.e., powder formulation dosage unit admixed with liquid [for reconstitution], which requires a species election distinct from the enteral species.

Applicant herewith elects with traverse the species claimed by the Examiner to exist within claims 9-13. However, it is submitted that the Preliminary Amendment renders the species election moot. The amendment introduces no new matter.

Applicant has amended claims 6 and 8 in order to eliminate the proposed species distinction made by the Examiner. (Moreover, original claim 20 appears to be a claim that further supports Applicant's amendment as there is no call for administration along a specific route.) New claims 30 –33 call for enteral or parenteral administration.

It is also submitted that claims 11 and 12 is not limited as the Examiner would propose – it would be possible to mix with liquid – and not only for reconstitution as the Examiner has added – but for enteral administration as well.

Applicant further reserves all rights with regard to filing a divisional application to those claims and subject matter within Group I.

Respectfully submitted,



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